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Application Serial No.: 09/820,088
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Inventors: Stewart, et al.
Applicant: Microsoft Corporation
Group Art Unit: 2177
Examiner: M. Le
Confirmation No.: 2532
Attorney's Docket No.: MS1-790US
Title: Metadata Update of Linked Objects

REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW
SUBSEQUENT TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF JANUARY 14, 2004

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Examiner Le:

In accordance with the procedures of MPEP §713.09, which indicates that "one interview after final rejection is permitted," the Applicant of the above-identified application requests a telephone interview to, at least, clarify the issues for appeal.

For example, with regard to Claim 1 and as set forth in the Applicant's response of March 12, 2004, the Applicant submits that the cited reference of Katz (U.S. Patent 6,356,971) Katz's description does not include any teaching of persistent playlists corresponding to another version of the tracks corresponding to the absent CDs. Further to the absence of any teaching regarding the "another version of the data" as recited in Claim 1, Katz's description lacks any teaching

of maintaining meta data for content that would correspond to such "another version of the data."

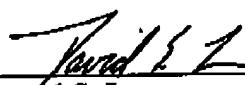
Therefore, the request for an interview between the Examiner and the Applicant's undersigned attorney is made, not with the intention to repeat arguments previously made, but rather for the Applicant to further explain the invention and for the Examiner to clarify the context in which the cited references have been applied.

The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the Applicant's undersigned attorney to arrange for a telephone interview at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Respectfully Submitted,

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